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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 20124

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM, RP
SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS

REF: MANILA 20149

1. FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS ARE SUGGESTED FOR POSSIBLE USE IN CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE PHILIPPINES:

2. "THE EMBASSY IN MANILA IS IN CONTINUING CONTACT WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT ON MATTERS RELATING TO HUMAN RIGHTS. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING PRESIDENT MARCOS, IS AWARE OF BOTH THE SPECIFIC AND GENERAL CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY MEMBERS ONSCONGRESS.

3. "SPECIFICALLY OUR EMBASSY HAS BEEN ASSURED THAT TORTURE AND DISAPPEARANCES ARE CONTRARY TO THE POLICY OF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AND THAT ANY PHILIPPINE PERSONNEL FOUND TO BE GUILTY OF INHUMAN TREATMENT OF PERSONNEL IS SUBJECT TO DIS-CIPLINE. THE EMBASSY HAS THE IMPRESSION FROM INDEPENDENT SOURCES THAT THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN CONVEYED TO PHILIPPINE SECURITY PERSONNEL AND THAT THE INSTANCES OF INHUMAN TREATMENT HAVE DECLINED.

4. "THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN FURTHER ASSURED THAT THE SUPREME
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COURT OF THE PHILIPPINES WILL EXAMINE ALL ASPECTS OF THE AQUINO MATTER AND WILL BE GIVEN COMPLETE DISCRETION TO RENDER ITS JUDGEMENT.

5. " THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES WILL ON JANUARY 15 BEGIN DISCUSSIONS WITH HIS APPOINTED LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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ON THE HOLDING OF ELECTIONS FOR A NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. DISCUSSIONS WILL INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF THE SELECTION OF CANDIDATES AND ELECTION PROCEDURES. U.S. REPRESENTATIVES HAVE EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR FREE CHOICE IN SUCH AN ELECTION IF IT IS TO BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF A DEMOCRATIC PROCESS ABROAD.

6. "THE EMBASSY HAS RAISED DIRECTLY WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES REPORTS RELATING TO PERSONS BEING DETAINED WITHOUT CHARGES AND IS SEEKING DETAILS OF GOVERNMENT PLANS TO RELEASE ADDITIONAL PRISONERS."
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